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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Customer No. 30

JAMES BRADY ET AL..

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For

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING

PROPAGATION DELAY IN A CONDUCTOR

Group No.

2817

Examiner

B.T. Lee

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

No fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

In response to the final Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: